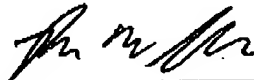


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REMARKS

This is intended as a supplemental response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 7, 2005. Following entry of this amendment all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and allowance of the same is respectfully requested. Applicants reserve the right to pursue canceled claims, as well as other claims within the scope of the invention, in continuing applications.

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